

Representative Hall, Atlanta, Georgia**Thursday, March 16, 2006**

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 9:00 o'clock, A.M., this day and was called to order by the Speaker.

The roll was called and the following Representatives answered to their names:

E Anderson	E Drenner	Hugley	E McClinton	Shaw
E Ashe	Ehrhart	Jackson	Meadows	Sims, F
Barnard	England	E Jamieson	Millar	E Sinkfield
E Beasley-Teague	Everson	Jennings	Mills	Smith, B
Benton	Fleming	Johnson	Mumford	Smith, P
Black	Floyd, J	Jones, J	Murphy, J	Smith, R
Bridges	Forster	Jones, S	Neal	Smith, T
Brown	Franklin	Keen	Parrish	Smith, V
Bryant	Gardner	Keown	Parsons	Smyre
Buckner, D	E Geisinger	Knight	Porter	Stanley-Turner
Buckner, G	E Graves, T	Knox	Randall	Talton
Byrd	Greene	Lakly	Ray	Teilhet
Carter	Heard, J	Lane, B	Reece, S	Thomas, B
Casas	Heard, K	E Lane, R	Reese	Tumlin
Chambers	E Heckstall	Lewis	Rice	Walker
Channell	Hembree	Lindsey	Roberts	E Warren
Coleman, B	E Hill, C	Loudermilk	Rogers	Watson
Cooper	E Hill, C.A	Maddox	Royal	Wilkinson
Cox	Holt	Manning	Rynders	Williams, A
Cummings	Houston	Martin	Scheid	Williams, E
Dickson	Howard, E	Maxwell	Scott, M	Richardson,
Dodson				Speaker

The following members were off the floor of the House when the roll was called:

Representatives Amerson of the 9th, Barnes of the 78th, Benfield of the 85th, Bordeaux of the 162nd, Borders of the 175th, Brooks of the 63rd, Bruce of the 64th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Burmeister of the 119th, Burns of the 157th, Cheokas of the 134th, Coan of the 101st, Coleman of the 144th, Crawford of the 127th, Davis of the 109th, Day of the 163rd, Dean of the 59th, Dukes of the 150th, Floyd of the 99th, Fludd of the 66th, Freeman of the 140th, Graves of the 137th, Hanner of the 148th, Harbin of the 118th, Hatfield of the 177th, Holmes of the 61st, Hudson of the 124th, James of the 135th, Jenkins of the 8th, Jordan of the 77th, Kidd of the 115th, Lucas of the 139th, Lunsford of the 110th, Marin of the 96th, May of the 111th, McCall of the 30th, Mitchell of the 88th, Morris of the 155th, Mosby of the 90th, Mosley of the 178th, Murphy of the 120th, O'Neal of the 146th, Parham of the 141st, Powell of the 29th, Ralston of the 7th, Reece of the 11th, Sailor of the 93rd, Scott of the 153rd, Setzler of the 35th, Sheldon of the 105th, Sims of the 169th, Smith of the 70th, Stephens of the 164th, Stephenson of the

92nd, Thomas of the 55th, Willard of the 49th, Williams of the 4th, Wix of the 33rd, and Yates of the 73rd.

They wish to be recorded as present.

Prayer was offered by Lieutenant Colonel Willis Moore, Chaplain, Georgia Wing, Civil Air Patrol, Tucker, Georgia.

The members pledged allegiance to the flag.

Representative Heard of the 104th, Chairman of the Committee on Information and Audits, reported that the Journal of the previous legislative day had been read and found to be correct.

By unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was confirmed.

By unanimous consent, the following was established as the order of business during the first part of the period of unanimous consents:

1. Introduction of Bills and Resolutions.
2. First reading and reference of House Bills and Resolutions.
3. Second reading of Bills and Resolutions.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Third reading and passage of Local uncontested Bills.
6. First reading and reference of Senate Bills and Resolutions.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House were introduced, read the first time and referred to the Committees:

HB 1627. By Representatives Rynders of the 152nd and Hanner of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to create the Lee County Parks and Recreation Authority, approved May 17, 2004 (Ga. L. 2004, p. 3788), so as to provide terms for members; to provide for the removal of office for cause; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1628. By Representatives Brown of the 69th and Smith of the 129th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners for Troup County, approved March 25, 1958 (Ga. L. 1958, p. 3068), as amended, so as to provide for meetings of said board; to provide certain changes relating to the manner competitive bids are taken; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1629. By Representatives Rynders of the 152nd and Hanner of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Lee County Utilities Authority, approved April 17, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 6419), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 5, 2005 (Ga. L. 2005, p. 3697), so as to provide for terms for authority members; to provide for removal from office of authority members under certain circumstances; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and for applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1630. By Representatives Rynders of the 152nd and Hanner of the 148th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues, and public buildings, and public property, and finances for the County of Lee," approved August 6, 1921 (Ga. L. 1921, p. 517), as amended, so as to provide for the establishment of terms of offices for members of local authorities; to provide for the removal of members of such authorities for cause; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1631. By Representatives Scheid of the 22nd and Byrd of the 20th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Woodstock Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority as a public body corporate and politic, a political subdivision of the state, and a public corporation to have the responsibility and authority to promote tourism, conventions, and trade shows in the City of

Woodstock, Georgia; to provide for the creation and organization of the authority; to provide for the appointment of the directors of the authority and their terms of office, compensation, and qualifications; to provide for meetings; to provide for legislative findings and declaration of purpose; to provide for general powers; to provide for regulations; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing and relative to the general purposes of this Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1632. By Representatives Coleman of the 144th and Roberts of the 154th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Historic Milan Railroad Depot Museum Authority; to provide a short title; to provide for the appointment of members of the authority; to confer powers upon the authority; to authorize the collection of the revenues, tolls, fees, charges, earnings, and contract payments of the authority; to fix and provide for the venue and jurisdiction of actions relating to any provisions of this Act; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1633. By Representatives Lane of the 158th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of \$50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 65 years of age or over; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HB 1634. By Representatives Lane of the 158th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Bryan County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of \$30,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on State Planning & Community Affairs - Local.

HR 1833. By Representatives Powell of the 29th and Smith of the 113th:

A RESOLUTION creating the Joint Study Committee on the Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Independence of the University System of Georgia, an interim study committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HR 1856. By Representatives Cummings of the 16th, Richardson of the 19th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Keen of the 179th, Porter of the 143rd and others:

A RESOLUTION authorizing the placement in the Capitol of a portrait of former Speaker of the House Thomas B. Murphy; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

By unanimous consent, the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate were read the second time:

HB 1619	HB 1625
HB 1620	HB 1626
HB 1621	HR 1819
HB 1622	HR 1820
HB 1623	SB 658
HB 1624	SR 844

Representative Hembree of the 67th District, Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Higher Education has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 506	Do Pass
SB 561	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Hembree of the 67th
Chairman

Representative Walker of the 107th District, Chairman of the Committee on Human Relations and Aging, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Human Relations and Aging has had under consideration the following Resolution of the House and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

HR 1555 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Walker of the 107th
Chairman

Representative Day of the 163rd District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Safety has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolutions of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1462	Do Pass, by Substitute	SB 520	Do Pass, by Substitute
HR 1560	Do Pass	SB 581	Do Pass
SB 454	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Day of the 163rd
Chairman

Representative Williams of the 4th District, Chairman of the Committee on Regulated Industries, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Regulated Industries has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1795	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 95	Do Pass, by Substitute
SB 145	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Williams of the 4th
Chairman

The following Resolutions of the House, referred to the House Rules Subcommittee on Invites, were reported by the Committee on Rules with the following recommendations:

HR 1660 Do Pass
HR 1699 Do Pass

Representative Smith of the 168th District, Chairman of the Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs - Local Legislation has had under consideration the following Bills of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HB 1448	Do Pass	HB 1613	Do Pass
HB 1570	Do Pass	HB 1614	Do Pass
HB 1585	Do Pass, by Substitute	HB 1615	Do Pass
HB 1610	Do Pass	HB 1616	Do Pass
HB 1611	Do Pass	HB 1617	Do Pass
HB 1612	Do Pass	SB 609	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 168th
Chairman

Representative Smith of the 129th District, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation has had under consideration the following Resolutions of the House and Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

HR 1609	Do Pass	SR 639	Do Pass
SR 282	Do Pass, by Substitute	SR 686	Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Smith of the 129th
Chairman

The following report of the Committee on Rules was read and adopted:

HOUSE RULES CALENDAR
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for this 33rd Legislative Day as enumerated below:

DEBATE CALENDAR

Open Rule

SB 209	Public Service Commission; change time period for issuance; gas supply plan
SB 472	Public Officers/Employees; provide for meritorious award program; definitions; establishment/implementation

Modified Open Rule

None

Modified Structured Rule

None

Structured Rule

None

Bills and Resolutions on this calendar may be called in any order the Speaker desires.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Ehrhart of the 36th
Chairman

By unanimous consent, the following Bills of the House and Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

HB 1448. By Representative Bridges of the 10th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating and providing a new charter for the City of Baldwin, approved March 28, 1986, (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5578), as amended, so as to change and extend the corporate limits of such city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1570. By Representatives Mumford of the 95th, Holt of the 112th, Lunsford of the 110th, Walker of the 107th and May of the 111th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, approved March 9, 1972 (Ga. L. 1972, p. 152), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4219), and an Act approved April 5, 1995 (Ga. L. 1995, p. 4221), so as to provide an increase in the salary supplement for the superior court judges; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1585. By Representatives Lane of the 167th, Keen of the 179th and Hill of the 180th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create the Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission; to provide a short title; to define certain terms; to provide for membership, appointment, terms, cooperation, quorums, and officers of the commission; to provide for a director; to provide for purposes; to provide for powers; to provide for ordinance proposals; to provide for tax exemption; to provide for construction; to provide for cumulative nature of powers; to provide an effective date; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following Committee substitute was read and adopted:

A BILL

To create the Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission; to provide a short title; to define certain terms; to provide for membership, appointment, terms, cooperation, quorums, and officers of the commission; to provide for a director; to provide for purposes; to provide for powers; to provide for ordinance proposals; to provide for tax exemption; to provide for construction; to provide for cumulative nature of powers; to provide for a referendum; to provide an effective date; to provide for contingent repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission Act."

SECTION 2.

There is hereby created a body corporate and politic, to be known as the Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission, which shall be a political subdivision of the State of Georgia and a public corporation, and by that name, style, and title said body may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, complain and defend in all courts of law and equity. The commission shall have perpetual existence, and shall be deemed a governmental body within the meaning of the Georgia Revenue Bond Law, Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, specifically under subparagraph (2)(C) of Code Section 36-82-61.

SECTION 3.

As used in this Act, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

- (1) 'Commission' shall mean the Brunswick-Glynn County Joint Water and Sewer Commission created by Section 2 of this Act.
- (2) 'City' shall mean the City of Brunswick.
- (3) 'County' shall mean Glynn County, Georgia.
- (4) 'Project' shall mean the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a water system, sewer system, or combined water and sewer system and all property used or useful in connection therewith.
- (5) 'Revenue bonds' and 'bonds' shall mean revenue bonds, certificates, and other obligations of the commission, as defined and provided for in Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Revenue Bond Law," and such type of obligations may be issued by the commission under this Act and as authorized under said article.
- (6) 'System' means any water system or sewer system or combined water and sewer system of the commission.
- (7) 'Unified system' shall mean the combined water and sewer systems of the City of Brunswick and Glynn County.

SECTION 4.

- (a)(1) The commission shall consist of five members. The governing authorities of the county and the city shall each appoint two of their members to the commission. The initial terms of one of the members appointed by the city and one of the members appointed by the county shall be one year from the date of appointment, and all succeeding terms shall be for a period of two years. The terms of all other members of the commission shall be two years from the date of appointment except that no member appointed to one of these four positions or their successors in office shall serve beyond their term in office as a member of the respective appointing body. There shall be no limit to the number of terms a person may serve as a member of the commission. A majority of the four original commission members shall select and name a fifth member to serve on the commission within 30 days of its first meeting. The fifth member shall be a resident of the county and shall serve a term of two years from the date of appointment. Successors in office to the original fifth member shall be selected in the same manner by a majority of members of the commission then sitting. The commission may declare that any member missing three consecutive meetings of the commission has vacated his or her office. The commission may for good cause shown excuse any absence of an individual member so that it does not count toward this limit. If the commission declares an office vacated, it may request the county or the city, as appropriate, to name a successor to serve the balance of that former member's term. Within 30 days of receiving such a request, the governing commission of the county or the city shall appoint a successor. In the case of the fifth member, the four members of the commission that are also members of the governing authorities of the county and the city may name a successor to serve the balance of the member's term. Members of the commission shall be officers of the commission when performing the functions of those offices and shall not be deemed to be officers of the city or county.
- (2) The commission may increase its membership to seven members at any time by its own vote. If the commission decides to have seven members, the governing authorities of the county and the city shall each select one additional person to serve on the commission for a two year term. The governing authorities of the county and the city shall select as their additional appointment to the commission and future successors to them someone who is not a current member of the governing authorities of the county and the city but who is a resident of the county with experience or expertise relevant to the operation of a water and sewer system or a comparable business.
- (b) The members of the commission shall be entitled to compensation for their services at the rate of \$500.00 per month. All members shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties, including mileage reimbursed at the standard business mileage rate as determined by the Internal Revenue Service and adopted by the commission.
- (c) A quorum of the members of the commission shall be required to transact any business. If the commission consists of five members, three members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. If the commission consists of seven members,

four members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum of the commission must include at least one member who is a member of the governing commission of the city and at least one member who is a member of the governing commission of the county. Meetings of the commission shall be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*.

(d) The commission shall elect a chairperson from its members to serve a one year term. There shall be no limit to the number of terms, consecutive or otherwise, that the chairperson may serve.

SECTION 5.

The commission shall contract with an individual to serve as director to manage the unified system as its employee. The director shall not be a member of the commission and shall not be deemed to be an employee of either the county or the city.

SECTION 6.

Without limiting the generality of any provisions of this Act, the general purposes of the commission are declared to be those of acquiring, constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating adequate water supply, treatment, and distribution facilities and sewerage collection, treatment, and distribution facilities; making such facilities and services available to public and private consumers and users located in the city and the county; and extending and improving such facilities as necessary.

SECTION 7.

After holding a public hearing regarding and prior to entering into an operational agreement with the city and county to operate the unified system and subsequently entering into such an agreement, the commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To have a seal and to alter same at its pleasure;
- (2) To operate a water and sewer system or systems including a unified water and sewer system utilizing the systems and assets of both the county and the city water and sewer systems and to provide water and sewer services to all citizens and customers in the county and the city and to citizens and customers in either political subdivision. The commission shall operate its system or systems in conformity with all applicable regulations, licenses, and permits and shall be liable to pay any fines or assessments resulting from failure to conform to same;
- (3) To acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or otherwise and to hold, lease, and dispose of real and personal property of every kind and character for its corporate purposes;
- (4) To acquire real or personal property in its own name by purchase, lease, exchange, gift, or otherwise on such terms and conditions and in such a manner as it may deem proper, necessary, or convenient for its corporate purposes, and to use the same so long as its corporate existence shall continue, and to lease or make contracts with respect to the use of, or dispose of the same in any manner it deems to the best advantage of the commission, and no property shall be acquired under the provisions of this Act upon which any lien or other encumbrance exists unless at the time such

property is so acquired a sufficient sum of money shall be deposited in trust to pay and reduce the face value of such lien or encumbrance.

(5) To appoint, select, and employ such officers, agents, and employees as shall be necessary in the judgment of the commission to accomplish the purposes of the commission, including accountants, auditors, attorneys, consulting engineers, and other professionals; to fix their respective compensation; and to provide for pension and retirement plans for these officers, agents, and employees. After the commission enters into an agreement to operate the unified system, existing water and sewer employees of the county and the city and former employees of the county who are employees of the company operating the county's water and sewer system shall be offered employment with the commission. The position offered to such persons and the terms of compensation are entirely within the discretion of the commission;

(6) To formulate and adopt an annual operating budget of all its revenues and expenses. On or before May 1 of each year the commission shall submit its proposed budget to the county and the city for their comments before its adoption by the commission;

(7) To make contracts and leases and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient, including contracts for construction of projects and leases of projects or contracts with respect to the use of projects which it causes to be constructed, erected, or acquired. Any and all persons, firms, and corporations and any and all political subdivisions, departments, institutions, or agencies of the state are authorized to enter into contracts, leases, or agreements with the commission upon such terms and for such purposes as they deem advisable;

(8) To construct, erect, acquire, own, repair, remodel, maintain, add to, extend, improve, equip, operate, and manage projects, as defined in this Act and to pay the cost of the project in whole or in part from the proceeds of revenue bonds of the commission or from such proceeds and any grant or contribution from the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof or from the State of Georgia or any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof;

(9) To borrow money for any of its corporate purposes and to issue revenue bonds payable solely from funds pledged for that purpose and to provide for the payment of the same and for the rights of the holders thereof;

(10) To exercise any power usually possessed by private corporations performing similar functions, including the power to make short-term loans and approve, execute, and deliver appropriate evidence of such indebtedness, provided no such power is in conflict with the Constitution or general laws of this state;

(11) To enter into an operational agreement with the county and the city detailing the power of the commission to operate the unified system and the rights of the county, the city, and the commission during the period of such operation. The term of such agreement shall not exceed 50 years;

(12) To be liable for payment of all charges and expenses of operating the unified system and to receive all income from the operation of the unified system, except that

the county and the city shall continue to receive income necessary to retire any existing indebtedness of their systems;

(13) To prescribe, fix, and collect rates, fees, tolls, or charges and to revise from time to time and collect such rates, fees, tolls, or charges, provided that such rates, fees, tolls, or charges shall be calculated to cover only the cost of providing services; to provide capital to expand facilities; to maintain, replace, or expand existing facilities; to provide a reasonable reserve for operations; to fund bond sinking funds; or to fund sinking funds for other debt of the county or the city incurred to provide capital portions of their water or sewer system. The commission shall not operate the unified system at a profit;

(14) To accept grants of money, materials, or property of any kind from the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof upon terms and conditions as the United States of America or such agency or instrumentality may impose;

(15) To accept grants of money, materials, or property of any kind from the State of Georgia or any agency or instrumentality or political subdivision thereof upon terms and conditions as the State of Georgia or such agency or instrumentality or political subdivision may impose;

(16) To accept grants of money, materials, or property of any kind from the city, the county, or any agency or instrumentality thereof upon terms and conditions as the city, the county, or such agency or instrumentality may impose;

(17) To accept grants of money, materials, or property of any kind from any other source, private or public, provided that such grant or gift is not encumbered with any terms or conditions;

(18) To insure its interest and the interest of the county and the city or any other entity with which it contracts in all assets leased or utilized by it; and

(19) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers and duties expressly given in this Act.

SECTION 8.

The commission shall be charged with formulating a proposal for the standardization of county and city ordinances relating to water and sewer services. Such ordinances shall become effective only upon adoption by the governing authorities of the county and the city.

SECTION 9.

The commission, or any commission, authority, or other entity or body which has or which may in the future succeed to the powers, duties, and liabilities vested in the commission created in this Act, shall have power and is authorized at one time, or from time to time, to borrow money for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost, as defined in this Act, of any one or more projects and to provide by resolution for issuance of revenue bonds for that purpose. The bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall mature at such time or times not exceeding 40 years from their date or dates, shall be payable in such medium of payment as to both principal and interest as may be determined by the

commission, and may be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the commission, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the commission in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds. The interest rate or rates to be borne by any bonds and the time of payment of such interest shall be fixed, and with respect to any interest rate which floats in response to a variable, the method of calculation shall be fixed by the commission in the resolution providing for the issuance of all bonds.

SECTION 10.

The commission is authorized to provide by resolution for the issuance of refunding bonds of the commission for the purpose of refunding any revenue bonds issued under the provisions of this Act and then outstanding, together with accrued interest thereon, and to refund any revenue bonds issued by the city, the county, or the commission with respect to any facilities to be acquired by the commission from the city, county, or other political subdivision or authority.

SECTION 11.

Any action to protect or enforce any rights under the provisions of this Act or any action against the commission shall be brought in the Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia, and any action pertaining to validation of any bonds issued under the provisions of this Act shall likewise be brought in such court, which shall have exclusive, original jurisdiction of such actions.

SECTION 12.

Bonds of the commission shall be confirmed and validated in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 3 of Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Revenue Bond Law," as now or hereafter amended.

SECTION 13.

The properties of the commission, both real and personal, are declared to be public properties used for the benefit and welfare of the people of the city and county and not for purposes of private or corporate benefit and income. Such properties and the commission shall be exempt from all taxes of any city, county, the state, or any political subdivision thereof.

SECTION 14.

This Act, being for the welfare of various political subdivisions of the state and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.

SECTION 15.

This Act does not in any way take from the county or the city the authority to own, operate, and maintain water, sanitary sewerage, and water pollution control facilities or to issue revenue bonds as provided by Chapter 82 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Revenue

Bond Law"; but the powers granted by this Act to the commission shall be in addition to and cumulative of all other powers now or hereafter given to any municipal corporation or political subdivision of this state.

SECTION 16.

Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election superintendents of the City of Brunswick and Glynn County shall call and conduct elections as provided in this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Brunswick and to the electors of all that portion of Glynn County outside of the City of Brunswick for approval or rejection. The election superintendents shall conduct such elections on the date of the state-wide general primary in 2006 and shall issue the call and conduct those elections as provided by general law. The election superintendent of Glynn County shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Glynn County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"() YES Shall the Act be approved which creates the Brunswick-Glynn County
() NO Joint Water and Sewer Commission?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question by the voters of the City of Brunswick and more than one-half of the votes cast on such question by the voters of all that portion of Glynn County outside of the City of Brunswick are for approval of the Act, then Sections 1 through 15 of this Act shall become of full force and effect immediately. If the Act is not so approved by the voters of the City of Brunswick and the voters of all that portion of Glynn County outside the City of Brunswick or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Sections 1 through 15 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Brunswick and Glynn County. It shall be the election superintendents' duties to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 17.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 16 of this Act, this Act shall be come effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 18.

This Act shall stand repealed one year after the date on which this Act becomes effective under Section 16 of this Act unless as operational agreement between the City of Brunswick and Glynn County has been entered into under Section 7 of this Act prior to such latter date.

SECTION 19.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, by substitute, was agreed to.

HB 1610. By Representatives England of the 108th and Benton of the 31st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating the City of Winder, Georgia, in the County of Barrow, approved March 25, 1974 (Ga. L. 1974, p. 3476), as amended, so as to annex certain territory into the City of Winder and thereby change the corporate limits of such city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1611. By Representatives Forster of the 3rd, Dickson of the 6th and Neal of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of elections and registration for Catoosa County, approved March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4371), as amended, particularly by an Act approved June 3, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 4251), so as to correct the terms of office of members of the board; to correct a typographical error; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1612. By Representatives Forster of the 3rd and Neal of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a board of utilities commissioners for Catoosa County, approved March 17, 1956 (Ga. L. 1956, p. 3499), as amended, particularly by an Act approved April 16, 1999 (Ga. L. 1999, p. 4416), so as to provide for a limit on the number of terms which members of such board may serve; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1613. By Representatives Murphy of the 23rd, Knox of the 24th and Amerson of the 9th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the State Court of Forsyth County, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4558), as amended, particularly by an Act approved May 1, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5579), so as to change the compensation of the judges of the State Court of Forsyth County; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1614. By Representative Barnard of the 166th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new charter for the City of Glennville, approved August 21, 1911 (Ga. L. 1911, p. 1228), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 22, 1990 (Ga. L. 1990, p. 4466), so as to change the corporate limits of the city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1615. By Representatives Buckner of the 76th, Dodson of the 75th, Jordan of the 77th, Abdul-Salaam of the 74th and Sinkfield of the 60th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to establish the "Clayton County Commission on Children and Youth"; to provide for matters relative thereto; to provide an effective date; to provide for automatic repeal of this Act; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1616. By Representatives Scott of the 2nd and Neal of the 1st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Walker County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead after a three-year phase in period for residents of that school district who are 70 years of age or older; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

HB 1617. By Representatives Buckner of the 76th, Dodson of the 75th, Jordan of the 77th, Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Sinkfield of the 60th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to create a Heritage Trail Commission for Clayton County and to provide for its powers and duties; to provide for the composition of the commission and the selection and appointment of members; to provide for meetings, procedures, and operational bylaws; to provide for findings; to provide for automatic repeal; to provide for dissolution; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

SB 609. By Senator Douglas of the 17th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to reincorporate and provide a new charter for the City of Hampton in Henry County, Georgia; to provide for boundaries and powers of the city; to provide for a governing authority of such city and the powers, duties, authority, election, terms, method of filling vacancies, compensation, qualifications, prohibitions, and removal from office relative to members of such governing authority; to provide for inquiries and investigations; to provide for organization and procedures; to provide for ordinances and codes; to provide for the office of mayor and certain duties and powers relative to the office of mayor; to provide for administrative responsibilities; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the following roll call vote was made applicable to the previously read Bills.

On the passage of the Bills, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Abdul-Salaam	Y Crawford	E Hill, C.A	Y Martin	Sailor
Y Amerson	Y Cummings	Holmes	Y Maxwell	Y Scheid
E Anderson	N Davis	Holt	Y May	Y Scott, A
Ashe	Day	Y Horne	Y McCall	Y Scott, M
Y Barnard	Y Dean	Y Houston	E McClinton	Setzler
Barnes	Y Dickson	Y Howard, E	Y Meadows	Y Shaw

Y Bearden	Y Dodson	Hudson	Y Millar	Y Sheldon
E Beasley-Teague	Dollar	Y Hugley	Y Mills	Sims, C
Benfield	E Drenner	Y Jackson	Mitchell	Y Sims, F
Y Benton	Dukes	Jacobs	Morgan	E Sinkfield
Y Black	Y Ehrhart	James	Y Morris	Smith, B
Bordeaux	Y England	E Jamieson	Mosby	Smith, L
Y Borders	Epps	Y Jenkins	Mosley	Y Smith, P
Y Bridges	Y Everson	Y Jennings	Y Mumford	Y Smith, R
Y Brooks	Y Fleming	Y Johnson	Y Murphy, J	Y Smith, T
Y Brown	Floyd, H	Jones, J	Murphy, Q	Y Smith, V
Y Bruce	Y Floyd, J	Y Jones, S	Y Neal	Y Smyre
Y Bryant	Fludd	Jordan	Y Oliver	Y Stanley-Turner
Y Buckner, D	Y Forster	Y Keen	Y O'Neal	Y Stephens
Y Buckner, G	Y Franklin	Y Keown	Orrock	Y Stephenson
Y Burkhalter	Freeman	Y Kidd	Parham	Y Talton
Y Burmeister	Y Gardner	Y Knight	Y Parrish	Teilhet
Burns	E Geisinger	Y Knox	Y Parsons	Thomas, A.M
Y Butler	Golick	Y Lakly	Y Porter	Y Thomas, B
Y Byrd	Y Graves, D	Y Lane, B	Powell	Y Tumlin
Y Carter	Y Graves, T	E Lane, R	E Ralston	Y Walker
Y Casas	Greene	Y Lewis	Y Randall	E Warren
Y Chambers	Hanner	Y Lindsey	Y Ray	Y Watson
Y Channell	Y Harbin	Y Lord	Reece, B	Y Wilkinson
Y Cheokas	Hatfield	Y Loudermilk	Y Reece, S	Y Willard
Y Coan	Y Heard, J	Lucas	Y Reese	Y Williams, A
Y Cole	Y Heard, K	Lunsford	Y Rice	Y Williams, E
Y Coleman, B	E Heckstall	Y Maddox	Y Roberts	Y Williams, R
Coleman, T	Y Hembree	Y Mangham	Y Rogers	Wix
Y Cooper	Henson	Y Manning	Y Royal	Y Yates
Y Cox	E Hill, C	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Richardson, Speaker

On the passage of the Bills, the ayes were 120, nays 1.

The Bills, having received the requisite constitutional majority, were passed.

Representatives Ashe of the 56th, Burns of the 157th, and Jacobs of the 80th stated that they had been called from the floor of the House during the preceding roll call. They wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Ewing, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House:

HB 560. By Representatives Martin of the 47th, Jones of the 46th and Geisinger of the 48th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-299 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ascertainment of taxable property, so as to change certain provisions regarding the circumstances under which county boards of tax assessors can change the valuation of real property established on appeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 804. By Representatives Ralston of the 7th and Willard of the 49th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-10-95 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to barratry, so as to repeal said Code section; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 954. By Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Chambers of the 81st, Lindsey of the 54th, Millar of the 79th, Franklin of the 43rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public transportation, so as to delete a prohibition against the sale or exchange of tokens, transfers, transaction cards, or tickets without consent; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1067. By Representatives Forster of the 3rd, Davis of the 109th, Manning of the 32nd and Fludd of the 66th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interstate cooperation, so as to change certain provisions relating to creation and membership of the Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation; to provide for allowances; to change certain provisions relating to functions of the Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation; to change certain provisions relating to a declaration that the Council of State Governments, Council of State Governments—Clairmont Road, L.L.C., and Southern Legislative Conference are joint governmental agencies of this state; to provide that certain organizations are joint governmental agencies of this state; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1213. By Representatives McCall of the 30th, Roberts of the 154th, Royal of the 171st, Rogers of the 26th, Powell of the 29th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 5 of Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to live poultry dealers, brokers, and market operators, so as to provide for disposal of dead poultry in accordance with methods for disposal of dead animals generally; to prohibit

certain slaughter of poultry on the premises of dealers, brokers, and sales establishments; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1348. By Representatives Lucas of the 139th, Randall of the 138th, Graves of the 137th, Freeman of the 140th and Cole of the 125th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled "Macon Water Commissioners Pension Plan," approved December 20, 1953 (Ga. L. 1953 November-December Session, p. 2831), as amended, particularly by an Act approved March 24, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3946), so as to provide a severance option for persons who terminate membership in such plan; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1523. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Banks County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or over or disabled; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1524. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Banks County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 62 years of age or over and whose income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed \$10,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1525. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Banks County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$20,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or older; to provide for definitions;

to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1526. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide an additional homestead exemption from Stephens County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of \$25,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 65 years of age or over or disabled; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1527. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Banks County ad valorem taxes for county purposes in the amount of \$5,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that county who are 62 years of age or over and whose income, excluding certain retirement income, does not exceed \$10,000.00; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1529. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide an additional homestead exemption from Stephens County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$25,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or over or disabled; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1530. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Stephens County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for residents of that county who are disabled veterans or their unremarried surviving spouses, if deceased, on a current or subsequent homestead; to provide for definitions; to

specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1531. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Stephens County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for residents of that school district who are unremarried surviving spouses of United States service members killed in action to be received on a current or subsequent homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1532. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Stephens County ad valorem taxes for county purposes for residents of that county who are unremarried surviving spouses of United States service members killed in action to be received on a current or subsequent homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1533. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Stephens County, approved March 22, 1937 (Ga. L.1937, p. 1415), as amended, so as to reconstitute the board of commissioners as a five-member board; to provide for definitions and inclusions; to provide for continuation in office of certain current board members; to provide for election and terms of office of subsequent members; to provide for submission of this Act for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for a referendum; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to provide for effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1534. By Representative Jamieson of the 28th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to provide a homestead exemption from Stephens County school district ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for

residents of that school district for disabled veterans or their unremarried surviving spouses, if deceased, on a current or subsequent homestead; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1554. By Representative Jenkins of the 8th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act reincorporating the City of Clayton, approved August 17, 1909 (Ga. L. 1909, p. 600), as amended, so as to change and extend the corporate limits of said city; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 173. By Representative Lunsford of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-41 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to property exempt from ad valorem tax, so as to expand the ad valorem exemption for veterans organizations to include certain additional nonprofit veterans organizations; to provide for a referendum, applicability, and effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has passed as amended, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House:

HB 543. By Representatives Casas of the 103rd, Hembree of the 67th, Maxwell of the 17th, Chambers of the 81st and Jones of the 46th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-850 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to sick leave for teachers and other public school personnel, so as to provide for the donation of sick leave from an employee of a local board of education to his or her spouse who is also an employee of the local board of education for certain purposes; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the House:

HR 1425. By Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Yates of the 73rd, Porter of the 143rd, Reece of the 27th, Cole of the 125th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the United Services Organization on its 65th anniversary; and for other purposes.

The following members were recognized during the period of Morning Orders and addressed the House:

Morgan of the 39th, Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Brown of the 69th, Byrd of the 20th, Dean of the 59th, and Smith of the 129th.

The following Resolutions of the House, favorably reported by the Committee on Rules, were read and adopted:

HR 1660. By Representatives Sheldon of the 105th, Coleman of the 97th and Reese of the 98th:

A RESOLUTION commending the BEST Robotics team from Mill Creek High School and inviting its members to the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 1699. By Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th, Lunsford of the 110th, Scheid of the 22nd, Day of the 163rd and Jackson of the 161st:

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Civil Air Patrol for its service to the citizens of Georgia and inviting certain members to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and referred to the Committee on Rules:

HR 1857. By Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Hill of the 180th, Brooks of the 63rd, Morgan of the 39th, Stanley-Turner of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Dr. Mirian E. Chivers and inviting her to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

HR 1858. By Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Hill of the 180th, Brooks of the 63rd, Morgan of the 39th, Stanley-Turner of the 53rd and others:

A RESOLUTION commending Mrs. Daisy L. Harris and inviting her to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

Under the general order of business, established by the Committee on Rules, the following Bills of the Senate were taken up for consideration and read the third time:

SB 472. By Senator Rogers of the 21st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public officers and employees, so as to revise and change the employees' suggestion and award program; to provide for the meritorious award program; to provide for definitions; to provide for establishment and implementation; to provide for powers, duties, and authority of the state personnel board and the commissioner of personnel administration; to provide for agency committees; to provide for awards; to provide for applicability and nonapplicability of certain retirement benefit provisions with respect to such awards; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representatives Loudermilk of the 14th and Harbin of the 118th move to amend SB 472 as follows:

Page 3 Line 21 after "authorities" strike "May" and insert "Shall".

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to, as amended.

On the passage of the Bill, as amended, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abdul-Salaam	Y Crawford	E Hill, C.A	Martin	Y Sailor
N Amerson	Y Cummings	Y Holmes	Maxwell	Scheid
E Anderson	Y Davis	Y Holt	Y May	Y Scott, A
Y Ashe	Y Day	Y Horne	McCall	Y Scott, M
Y Barnard	Dean	Y Houston	E McClinton	Y Setzler
Barnes	Y Dickson	Y Howard, E	Y Meadows	Y Shaw
Y Bearden	Y Dodson	Y Hudson	Y Millar	Y Sheldon
E Beasley-Teague	Dollar	Y Hugley	Y Mills	Y Sims, C
Y Benfield	E Drenner	Y Jackson	Mitchell	Y Sims, F
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Jacobs	Morgan	E Sinkfield
Y Black	Ehrhart	Y James	Y Morris	Y Smith, B
Bordeaux	Y England	E Jamieson	Mosby	Y Smith, L
Y Borders	Y Epps	Y Jenkins	Mosley	Y Smith, P
Y Bridges	Y Everson	Y Jennings	Y Mumford	Y Smith, R
Y Brooks	Y Fleming	Johnson	Y Murphy, J	Y Smith, T
Y Brown	Floyd, H	Jones, J	Y Murphy, Q	Y Smith, V
Y Bruce	Y Floyd, J	Y Jones, S	Y Neal	Y Smyre
Y Bryant	Y Fludd	Jordan	Y Oliver	Y Stanley-Turner

Y Buckner, D	Y Forster	Y Keen	O'Neal	Y Stephens
Y Buckner, G	Y Franklin	Y Keown	Orrock	Y Stephenson
Y Burkhalter	Freeman	Y Kidd	Y Parham	Y Talton
Burmeister	Y Gardner	Y Knight	Y Parrish	Y Teilhet
Burns	Y Geisinger	Y Knox	Y Parsons	Y Thomas, A.M
Y Butler	Y Golick	Y Lakly	Y Porter	Y Thomas, B
Y Byrd	Y Graves, D	Y Lane, B	Y Powell	Y Tumlin
Y Carter	Y Graves, T	E Lane, R	Y Ralston	Y Walker
Y Casas	Y Greene	Y Lewis	Y Randall	E Warren
Y Chambers	Y Hanner	Y Lindsey	Y Ray	Y Watson
Y Channell	Y Harbin	Y Lord	Y Reece, B	Y Wilkinson
Y Cheokas	Y Hatfield	Y Loudermilk	Y Reece, S	Y Willard
Coan	Y Heard, J	Lucas	Y Reese	Y Williams, A
Y Cole	Y Heard, K	Lunsford	Y Rice	Y Williams, E
Coleman, B	E Heckstall	Y Maddox	Y Roberts	Y Williams, R
Coleman, T	Y Hembree	Y Mangham	Y Rogers	Y Wix
Y Cooper	Y Henson	Y Manning	Y Royal	Y Yates
Y Cox	E Hill, C	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Richardson, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, as amended, the ayes were 140, nays 1.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, as amended.

Representatives Burns of the 157th and Jones of the 46th stated that they had been called from the floor of the House during the preceding roll call. They wished to be recorded as voting "aye" thereon.

SB 209. By Senators Stoner of the 6th, Butler of the 55th, Pearson of the 51st and Hill of the 32nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Public Service Commission, so as to change the time period for issuance of a commission order after a hearing regarding a gas supply plan and adjustment factors filed by a gas utility; to repeal conflicting laws, and for other purposes.

The following amendment was read and adopted:

Representatives Rogers of the 26th and Harbin of the 118th move to amend SB 209 as follows:

Line 23 strike ninetieth to sixtieth.

The report of the Committee, which was favorable to the passage of the Bill, was agreed to, as amended.

On the passage of the Bill, as amended, the roll call was ordered and the vote was as follows:

Y Abdul-Salaam	Y Crawford	E Hill, C.A	Y Martin	Y Sailor
Y Amerson	Y Cummings	Y Holmes	Y Maxwell	Y Scheid
E Anderson	Y Davis	Y Holt	Y May	Y Scott, A
Y Ashe	Y Day	Y Horne	Y McCall	Y Scott, M
Y Barnard	Y Dean	Y Houston	E McClinton	Y Setzler
Barnes	Y Dickson	Y Howard, E	Y Meadows	Y Shaw
Y Bearden	Y Dodson	Y Hudson	Millar	Y Sheldon
E Beasley-Teague	Dollar	Y Hugley	Y Mills	Y Sims, C
Y Benfield	E Drenner	Y Jackson	Mitchell	Y Sims, F
Y Benton	Y Dukes	Y Jacobs	Y Morgan	E Sinkfield
Y Black	Y Ehrhart	Y James	Y Morris	Y Smith, B
Y Bordeaux	Y England	E Jamieson	Mosby	Y Smith, L
Y Borders	Y Epps	Y Jenkins	Y Mosley	Y Smith, P
Y Bridges	Y Everson	Y Jennings	Y Mumford	Y Smith, R
Y Brooks	Y Fleming	Y Johnson	Y Murphy, J	Y Smith, T
Y Brown	Floyd, H	Y Jones, J	Y Murphy, Q	Y Smith, V
Y Bruce	Y Floyd, J	Y Jones, S	Y Neal	Y Smyre
Y Bryant	Fludd	Jordan	Y Oliver	Y Stanley-Turner
Y Buckner, D	Y Forster	Y Keen	O'Neal	Y Stephens
Y Buckner, G	Y Franklin	Y Keown	Orrock	Y Stephenson
Y Burkhalter	Y Freeman	Y Kidd	Y Parham	Y Talton
Y Burmeister	Y Gardner	Y Knight	Y Parrish	Y Teilhet
Y Burns	Y Geisinger	Y Knox	Y Parsons	Y Thomas, A.M
Y Butler	Y Golick	Y Lakly	Y Porter	Y Thomas, B
Y Byrd	Y Graves, D	Y Lane, B	Y Powell	Y Tumlin
Y Carter	Y Graves, T	E Lane, R	Y Ralston	Y Walker
Y Casas	Y Greene	Y Lewis	Y Randall	E Warren
Y Chambers	Y Hanner	Y Lindsey	Y Ray	Y Watson
Y Channell	Y Harbin	Y Lord	Y Reece, B	Y Wilkinson
Y Cheokas	Y Hatfield	Y Loudermilk	Y Reece, S	Y Willard
Y Coan	Y Heard, J	Lucas	Y Reese	Y Williams, A
Y Cole	Y Heard, K	Y Lunsford	Y Rice	Y Williams, E
Y Coleman, B	E Heckstall	Y Maddox	Y Roberts	Y Williams, R
Y Coleman, T	Y Hembree	Y Mangham	Y Rogers	Y Wix
Y Cooper	Y Henson	Y Manning	Y Royal	Y Yates
Y Cox	E Hill, C	Y Marin	Y Rynders	Richardson, Speaker

On the passage of the Bill, as amended, the ayes were 157, nays 0.

The Bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, as amended.

The following Resolutions of the House were read and adopted:

HR 1862. By Representative Murphy of the 120th:

A RESOLUTION commending and saluting the exemplary civic, cultural,

and professional achievements of Timothy B. Miller of Atlanta; and for other purposes.

HR 1863. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, John Hudson; and for other purposes.

HR 1864. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Charity Burnette; and for other purposes.

HR 1865. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Antoinette Bass; and for other purposes.

HR 1866. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Samantha Duthler; and for other purposes.

HR 1867. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Terrance Nelson; and for other purposes.

HR 1868. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Dan Elmore and for other purposes.

HR 1869. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Ramona Warren; and for other purposes.

HR 1870. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Bessie Brown; and for other purposes.

HR 1871. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Matt Williams; and for other purposes.

HR 1872. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Leslie Brown; and for other purposes.

HR 1873. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Lisa Marshall; and for other purposes.

HR 1874. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Rita Daniel; and for other purposes.

HR 1875. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Matt Houseworth; and for other purposes.

HR 1876. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Dr. Scott Roberts; and for other purposes.

HR 1877. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, David Wallace; and for other purposes.

HR 1878. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Brenda Saltimachio; and for other purposes.

HR 1879. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Connie Maddox; and for other purposes.

HR 1880. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Frank Crowe; and for other purposes.

HR 1881. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Becky Jones; and for other purposes.

HR 1882. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Betty Harper; and for other purposes.

HR 1883. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Stevie Young; and for other purposes.

HR 1884. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Michael Stalb; and for other purposes.

HR 1885. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Jennifer Vining; and for other purposes.

HR 1886. By Representatives Buckner of the 76th, Dodson of the 75th, Jordan of the 77th, Barnes of the 78th and Abdul-Salaam of the 74th:

A RESOLUTION honoring Christian Missionary Baptist Church on its 20th Anniversary; and for other purposes.

HR 1888. By Representatives Channell of the 116th, Parham of the 141st and Hudson of the 124th:

A RESOLUTION commending a future leader, Nell Pate; and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the Senate through Mr. Ewing, the Secretary thereof:

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has adopted by the requisite constitutional majority the following resolution of the House:

HR 1834. By Representatives Keen of the 179th and Fleming of the 117th:

A RESOLUTION relative to adjournment; and for other purposes.

Representative Cooper of the 41st District, Chairman of the Committee on Health and Human Services, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services has had under consideration the following Bills and Resolution of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 480 Do Pass
SB 507 Do Pass
SR 785 Do Pass

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Cooper of the 41st
Chairman

Representative Willard of the 49th District, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 465	Do Pass	SB 469	Do Pass
SB 466	Do Pass	SB 534	Do Pass
SB 467	Do Pass		

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Willard of the 49th
Chairman

Representative Lewis of the 15th District, Chairman of the Committee on Public Utilities and Telecommunications, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Public Utilities and Telecommunications has had under consideration the following Bill of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendation:

SB 532 Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Lewis of the 15th
Chairman

Representative Bridges of the 10th District, Chairman of the Committee on Retirement, submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Retirement has had under consideration the following Bills of the Senate and has instructed me to report the same back to the House with the following recommendations:

SB 177	Do Pass
SB 244	Do Pass, by Substitute

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Bridges of the 10th
Chairman

The Speaker announced the House in recess until 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at which time the House will stand adjourned, pursuant to the adjournment Resolution previously adopted by the House and Senate, until 1:00 o'clock, P.M., Monday, March 20, 2006.